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SHARPE QUICKLY CLEARED BY JURY

Former Manchester Official Received Demonstration as Verdict Was Read.

ALL OTHER CHARGES DROPPED

Reduction in Bail Followed by Statement That Defendant Was Free Hereafter.

After deliberating less than fifteen minutes the jury in the case of Charles H. Sharpe, formerly superintendent of the Manchester water works, under trial for misappropriation of city funds, brought in a verdict of not guilty shortly before 6 o'clock last night. For the space of a few seconds after Foreman Doyle had announced the decision of the jury there was silence. Then, thinking that Mr. Sharpe was entirely cleared, there was an attempt at a demonstration. Several men even tried to take Mr. Sharpe out of their shoulders, which was quickly quelled by Sergeant Saunders.

"The accused has been found not guilty on the charge under which he was being tried," announced Judge Clifton. "Is there any other charge against him?"

Other Charges Dropped.

Commonwealth's Attorney Page immediately answered by stating that there were still twelve indictments against Mr. Sharpe. Mr. H. M. Smith, of counsel for the defense, at this moment played his trump card.

"I ask your honor," he said, "to reduce the bail." Judge Clifton readily acquiesced. "I hold the prisoner in the sum of \$50 until the next term of the court," he said. Commonwealth's Attorney Page rose hastily to his feet and asked the court to nolle prosequi the remaining indictments. His request was complied with, and Mr. Sharpe was a free man. As he walked out of the courtroom he was heartily congratulated by his many friends, who have stood by him during his trouble. The specific charge under which Mr. Sharpe was tried was the misappropriation of check for \$22 drawn by B. E. Nichols, of Richmond, payable to the city of Manchester. In the trial all the evidence that could be entertained on the twelve other indictments was admitted by the court as testimony in the case. Therefore the jury had before it all the testimony that the Commonwealth had in all the other indictments as well as in this one.

In fact, while the jury was trying on one indictment only, it had all the evidence in the other twelve.

Trials for a Week.

The case, which has occupied the time of the court for nearly a week, was hotly contested by both sides. Mr. Page, for the Commonwealth, put up a strong case and a fine argument, but the evidence was against his side. Mr. Wells, for the defense, made an able, eloquent and convincing speech of half an hour. Mr. Smith's quick retorts were largely responsible for the quick verdict.

The verdict of the jury meets with the general approbation of the public of the city.

GESANG VEREIN VIRGINIA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The election of officers for 1909 by the Gesang Verein of Virginia resulted as follows: President, Julius A. Stiegel; Vice-president, Arthur Matern; Treasurer, H. G. Miller; recording secretary, N. C. Thimmann; financial secretary, H. P. Pfeiffer; Business Manager, Volkmann; trustee, William H. Zimmermann; P. C. J. J. and M. P. Lindner.

The society is in a flourishing condition, both as to membership and finances. Its active singers contemplate taking part in the great singing festival in June, 1909, in New York.

Army's Annual Appeal.

Captain Fowler, of the Salvation Army, has put up for the collection of Christmas boxes for the poor on the streets, and he is very generous. It is intended to give a free distribution of clothing to the needy children as possible. Last year 2,000 were thus provided for, and during the time the counters were standing out on the streets over three wagonloads of clothing were distributed.

FELL INTO GRAVE CHASING ROBBER

Police Capture Three Crooks Who Have Held Up Citizens.

SHOT HIM AS HE RAN AWAY

Epidemic of Crime Startles Night Hawks and Leads to Rigid Search.

Chased from his home on Peg Street across the negro graveyard between Richmond and Barton Heights, Harry Tinsley (colored) escaped from Sergeant Detective Wiltshire and Acting Detective Wiley last night, but it is believed that he is badly shot, and that his arrest is imminent.

The negro is the fourth of an alleged gang wanted by the police for highway robbery. The three others—Sam Jackson, John Butler and Jesse Scott—were caught and arrested on suspicion Tuesday night. Scott and Jackson were yesterday identified by Mr. A. J. Gregory, who was held up and robbed at Allison and Broad Streets a few nights ago. They were picked out of fifteen negroes lined up before Mr. Gregory, and their identification, coupled with the other crimes with which they are suspected, makes the case against them complete.

Epidemic of Robberies.

Several highway robberies have occurred within the past few weeks. The first was in D. Martin, the Henrico county constable, who was held up on the Fifth Street bridge and robbed of his money, watch, revolver and badge. The next victim was W. J. Wright, of Hanover county, who was robbed of all he had—cash, clothing, hat, clothing and bank book. The bank book has been recovered by the officers. Mr. Moffitt, of Barton Heights, was held up later, but he had nothing and lost nothing. Afterwards a Mr. Graves was held up and robbed of all he had. Since the first report of a hold-up, the police have been working hard to ferret them out. Acting Detective Wiley was detailed on the cases, and he soon rounded up three of the negroes—Jackson, Butler and Scott. They have pleaded guilty. There was one negro lacking. Sergeant Wiltshire accompanied Wiley to the home of Tinsley. The detective took the rear of the house and Wiley took the front. A woman attempted to prevent Wiley from entering and Wiltshire, hearing the noise, came up from the rear. In the meanwhile Tinsley had jumped from one room to another, and finally gained an exit through a trap door in the rear of the house.

Man Through Cemetery.

Sergeant Wiltshire saw him as he ran from the house, and immediately began shooting. The negro continued to duck and run, and made for the negro cemetery, which is situated near the house. Both officers joined in the pursuit, firing as they ran. As Wiley emptied the last load in his revolver he fell headlong into a grave, and before he could extricate himself Tinsley had gotten away. Sergeant Wiltshire was firing from another point, and both officers heard groans. Tinsley is probably shot and, in that event, his escape is almost impossible.

The four negroes have been suspected for some time, and the first three were arrested by Sergeant Wiltshire. Acting Detective Wiley and Wiltshire on Tuesday night. Two of them were afterwards identified. Tinsley was implicated, and the officers set out in pursuit of him. He has escaped, but his apprehension, it is believed, is but a question of time.

Many hold-ups have occurred lately, and the police have exerted every effort to find and arrest the miscreants. Tinsley was the only one with whom they experienced any trouble. If he is shot, as is suspected, it will not be long before he, too, is in the toils of the law.

Elect Officers To-night.

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Hill Medical Society will be held to-night at the office of Dr. Hazley, No. 213 East Broad Street. Officers for the year will be elected.

DEPUTY ENRIGHT, FIRED OUT, WILL ASK TAFT FOR TREAT'S PLACE

Political Differences Cause United States Marshal to Oust His Right-Hand Man.

ADVOCATED LILY WHITISM

Former Deputy Tells of Republican Harmony Compact in Explaining Why Deposed.

As an aftermath, it is said, to his activity in behalf of Lily White Republicanism and his efforts to create party harmony in the Third Congressional District, Major M. J. Enright for five years chief deputy in the office of United States Marshal Morgan Treat, was discharged from his position yesterday morning, and at a late hour last night, his superior officer had given no explanation of his precipitate action.

In Republican circles the discharge of the deputy, whom all concede has been a painstaking and careful official, was not received with surprise, as many state the marshal and his appointee have not been on good terms politically, since the district convention of the party last spring, when the two men were diametrically opposed in their views.

The first intimation he had of his impending dismissal was received by Major Enright Tuesday afternoon when in the presence of Thomas Snead, a government employee, Mr. Treat suddenly demanded that his former political partner tender his resignation, to take effect January 1st. The deputy refused to resign, and it was following this that the Marshal demanded his keys.

Out for Treat's Job.

Major Enright seemed little perturbed about the matter when a Times-Dispatch reporter called at his residence, 3221 Grove Avenue, last night and almost the first words of an interview were, "I shall seek the appointment as marshal at the expiration of Mr. Treat's term next June. I will file my application with President Taft prior to that time."

"I don't anticipate or expect a reinstatement, and I shall not seek it," he attributed Mr. Treat's action to my having entered into a harmony compact with leaders of another faction of the Republican party for the purpose of avoiding contests and to prevent disgraceful scenes such as had previously characterized our conventions. I acted for the good of the party, and the result of my efforts was seen in the recent presidential campaign."

Mr. Treat was asked yesterday for an explanation of the discharge, and replied that he was not ready at this time to discuss the matter, though he would do so at a later date. The reasons will necessarily, under the statutes, be filed with the Department of Justice in Washington.

Major Enright's Solution.

According to Major Enright, he entered the marshal's office Tuesday afternoon, and there was faced by Mr. Treat and Mr. Snead, the latter apparently having been invited to hear the conversation.

"Mr. Treat spoke first," he said the major. "He remarked that we had been good friends for a long time, but that I had not treated him right in my position relative to the harmony compact. I was told to hand in my resignation, to take effect January 1st. He replied that I had no reason to resign, and would refuse to do so."

"He then stated that I could have until morning to make up my mind, and in reply I said a night's rest would not alter my determination. The matter dropped there. This morning I entered the office and was asked whether I had made up my mind to resign, and when I replied negatively I was asked to deliver over my keys. I did so promptly."

"I have been offered a position with the Interstate Commerce Commission, and though I may accept I do not expect to move my home from Richmond, even though I may have headquarters in Washington. I cannot tell for a day or two what I will do about this matter."

For Party Harmony.

In explanation of the compact he had signed for party harmony, Major Enright disclosed a bit of political history which shows clearly why contests were avoided in Republican ranks in the matter of choosing convention delegates and selecting a congressional nominee.

"There is no use to dispute the fact that the Republican party in the district has long been made up of factions, which constantly disagreed and prevented unity of action. The party could not prosper as long as such conditions prevailed."

It was early in the campaign, before the district convention met, that I was approached by representatives of the Cabell-Alan, or Lily White, faction, who were as anxious to have me in the party together. We, Mr. John G. Lane and myself, agreed to enter into a compact which would allow us certain appointees, and which would give the other side an equally liberal representation. The agreement was that we should all work harmoniously."

Mr. Treat Disgraced.

"I put the compact up to Mr. Treat and some of his friends, but they disagreed, and wanted to see the Cabell-Alan faction. Their claim was that our side controlled the district outside the city, and that we could win out over the Cabell-Alan people as their influence was strongest in the city."

"I stuck to my agreement, and though there was a fight in the district convention and again in the State convention our harmony compact went through, and there were no contests. Mr. Treat fought us vigorously to get the nomination, and I, as I was his chief opponent, knew that we would not be affiliated politically in future."

Major Enright explained that the Harmony compact was the only portion of the district that did not enter the harmony compact. In the district convention his side carried the day. He did not speak respectfully of the step he had taken, which he said, "resulted in everybody sticking to the text of the compact, and elevated the party."

Conspicuous in Politics.

Since removing to Virginia fifteen years ago Major Enright has been a vigorous party worker, and has always stood for Lily-Whitism. He has always been an advocate of Judge Taft, and is known among his co-workers as the original Taft man of the State.

He was formerly chairman of the Republican county committee of Gloucester, and has been secretary of the district committee for six years. He was an alternate delegate at the convention which nominated President Roosevelt, and was a delegate at the Taft convention in Chicago.

The dismissed official was born in



M. J. ENRIGHT.

Ohio, and prior to his removal to Virginia, held Federal positions in the West. He was appointed deputy under Marshal Treat without solicitation, and has recently moved to this city in order to be in closer touch with his duties.

"There is no man in this section of the State that has anything like the influence of Major Enright," said a Republican leader last night, "and his friends will stand by him, come what may. He has worked for the best interests of the party, and is a shrewd politician."

Another Side to It.

No expression could be secured from any of Mr. Treat's friends last night, probably because the marshal refused to discuss his action. The only intimation was that there is another side to the question, which will be explained when Mr. Treat states reasons for his action. Those versed in the situation all agree that Major Enright's discharge was for political reasons.

FLUME INQUIRY BEGINS MONDAY

Special Committee Summons City Engineer Bolling as the First Witness.

Each member having in hand the record of the Water Committee since the settling basin was made in City Council in 1902, the special joint committee on the investigation of the flume met last night for the purpose of receiving the data and agreeing upon a mode of procedure. The actual work of investigation will begin at the next meeting of the committee, which has been called for Monday night.

At Monday's meeting City Engineer Charles B. Bolling will appear before the committee and explain minutely the construction of the flume. Mr. John G. Winston, who has been employed to take a stenographic record of the investigation, will also be present and take official account of the proceedings. Mr. C. P. Davis stated that he was asked to deliver over my keys. I did so promptly.

The clerk was instructed to have the superintendent of the water works produce at the next meeting, full plans and specifications as originally prepared for the flume. Alderman E. D. Richard, who was not present at the meeting, being a delegate to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress now being held in Washington.

BURKE TRIAL POSTPONED

Judge Waddill's Illness Chief Cause for Continuance.

Judge Waddill's illness, the absence of C. O. Alley, chief witness for the defense, and because Attorney H. M. Smith is engaged in another court case, are stated as reasons why Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, sitting in the United States District Court, yesterday morning, allowed a continuance of the case of the government against Frank P. Burke, former superintendent of Station B, of the post-office.

The trial was called at the April term of court. Burke is charged with stealing letters in transit. A former trial resulted in a hung jury, and several times one thing or another has caused the trial to be postponed.

GOING TO FARMVILLE

Executive Committee of Female Normal Meets There To-day.

State Senator C. Harding Walker, of Northumberland; Hon. Robert Turnbull, of Brunswick; and Mr. J. S. Ware, of Clarke, were in the city last night, on their way to Farmville, where the executive committee of the State Female Normal School will meet to-day.

When Mr. Ware was seen at Murphy's last night, he said he did not know of anything of great public interest, which would come up at the present time, and he intended to send a representative to the Southern Education, ex-officio a member of the committee and will attend. Mr. Eggleston will spend the remainder of the week out in the State looking after some school matters.

Audubon Society to Meet.

The Audubon Association of Virginia will meet on Friday, December 12th, at 12 M., at the Chambers Protective Association building, Third and Main Streets. Officers will be elected for the next year. All interested in this movement for the protection of our birds are invited to be present, or to send their names to the temporary chairman, Mrs. M. D. Hoge, Jr., 208 East Grace Street.

The Deed of Assignment.

Mason & Jefferson, contractors at No. 21 West Leigh Street, filed a deed of assignment in the Chancery Court yesterday for Insular Shapers, Trustees. The assets are valued at \$12,229, and the liabilities are small.

A Harvest for Clothing Buyers

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Boys' Suits, Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Reefers, Worth Up to \$6.50, Choice \$3.45

Boys' Suits, Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Reefers, Worth \$5. and \$5.50, Choice \$2.95

Boys' Suits, Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Reefers, Worth \$8.50 and \$10, Choice \$4.95

Youths' Long Pants Suits, Youths' Overcoats, Youths' Raincoats, Worth Up to \$15.00, Choice \$9.75

Sale Begins This Morning

Gans-Rady Company.

RESCUED AFTER MAN HEARD CRY

Seaboard Brakeman Stepped from Car Into Trestle, Badly Wrenching His Back.

Unless a brakeman had heard his groans, P. A. Hodges, of Norfolk, who now lies with a badly sprained back in the Memorial Hospital, might have remained all last night beside a creek in the bottom of a deep ditch not far beyond Manchester.

The young man, a supply clerk on a Seaboard Air Line train, thinking to step from a car to the ground, was precipitated thirty feet to the bottom of the ditch. The train had stopped on a trestle and the youth stopped in space. He was brought on to Richmond.

Hodges could not explain the accident, except in saying that he did not know why the train had stopped, and had expected to land on the ground. He was examined soon after reaching the hospital, though it could not be told last night whether or not he will be permanently injured. He was coming from Norfolk to this city.

Commission Places Damages on Chesapeake Bay Line Near \$24,000 Mark.

Commissioners in the case of the Brook Turnpike against the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railway Company, appointed by the Circuit Court of Henrico county for the purpose of determining the value of the land actually taken by the railway and the damage accruing to the lands through which the new road runs, filed with County Clerk Samuel P. Waddill yesterday morning its report, which will be submitted to the Circuit Court at the next term. Besides \$5,000 allowed the Brook Turnpike Company for the actual amount of land taken by the new railroad, damages in the sum of \$18,890 was recommended for the property owners whose lands abutted on the road.

Railway Likely to Appeal.

Though no action was taken yesterday by either side, it is said that the railway will almost certainly take the case to the Court of Appeals after the report of the commissioners has been acted upon by Judge Scott in the Circuit Court. The members of the commission are Edward J. Willis, S. H. Hawes, S. Rutherford Rose, T. A. Cary and J. K. Jones.

The damages allowed to each owner of land along the line of the new road in Henrico county is as follows: The Brook Turnpike Company, \$2,500; C. G. Schwalm, \$150; W. J. Harris, \$550; Hezekiah Harris, \$500; L. T. Christian, \$500; W. T. Hood, \$500; N. W. Bowd, \$2,500; Sue W. Buck, \$470; Mary W. Williams, \$370; Alice Barnes, \$2,000; R. M. Tiller, \$800; W. W. Tiller, \$500; W. A. Hammond, \$3,500; H. D. Eichelberger, \$100; Brookdale Corporation, \$2,000; Virginia University, \$500; A. D. Williams, \$250.

ARRESTED FOR RECEIVING GOODS STOLEN FROM C. & O.

C. M. Gregory was brought to Henrico county jail last night from Buckingham county by Detective Angle, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. The charge against him is that he received \$800 in household goods, knowing them to be stolen from the railroad. The alleged theft was committed more than a year ago. Gregory is well known both in Buckingham and Dinwiddie counties. The warrant was sworn out by the claim agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

One of the important features of the Chapman-Alexander campaign to be held in Richmond January 5th to 21st is the large chorus choir which is now being formed for the evangelistic services.

Mr. Alexander especially desires the Auditorium choir to consist of not less than 700 voices each night, so that it will be necessary to have a membership of 1,200. Male voices and alto are especially needed. All singers who desire to join this great chorus should send their names and addresses immediately to Rev. Thomas Semmes, chairman, Chapman-Alexander headquarters, Central Y. M. C. A., Sixth and Main Streets, and state part sang and the nights that can be given each week.

In every city where Mr. Alexander has conducted meetings, he has had large choirs, and the committees do not want Richmond to disappoint him. A full, strong choir is essential to the best results in evangelistic work.

Dismissed of Footpad Charge.

James Davis (colored), who was arrested some time ago on a charge of robbing Pat Graham, was dismissed in the Police Court yesterday morning when it was shown that Graham had invited his friend out to their usual card game and had lost the money to him.

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"There's a Reason."